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Sir:

This is a request for filing a ☐ continuation ☒ divisional application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) of:

Prior Application Serial No: 10/095,677 filed: March 12, 2002

of: James L. Bush, III, et al.

(Inventor(s) currently of record in prior application)

entitled: AUTOMATIC NEGOTIATION OF AN INTERNET PROTOCOL ADDRESS
FOR A NETWORK CONNECTED DEVICE

(Title of Invention)

1. ☒ Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the oath or declaration as originally filed.

2. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

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				RATE	FEE	RATE	FEE	
Basic Fee				\$375.00	-	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$750.00
Total Claims	12	- 20	0	\$9.00	-	\$18.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Independent Claims	1	- 3	0	\$42.00	-	\$84.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims				+\$135.00	-	+\$270.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Filing Fee:								\$750.00

3. A check in the amount of \$750.00 is enclosed. (Check No.9848)
4. ☒ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
--This is a Division of application Serial No. 10/095,677, filed March 12, 2002.--
5. ☐ New informal drawings are enclosed.
6. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to Lexmark International, Inc.
7. ☐ A new combined declaration and power of attorney is enclosed.
8. ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)
9. ☒ I have reviewed the attached specification and drawings and have determined that no new matter is present therein over prior application Serial No. 10/095,677, filed on March 12, 2002.

10. [X] Incorporation by Reference: The entire disclosure of the parent application listed herein, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered to be part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

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TITLE OF INVENTION: AUTOMATIC NEGOTIATION OF AN INTERNET
PROTOCOL ADDRESS FOR A NETWORK CONNECTED DEVICE

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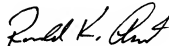
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Request for filing a Divisional Application

Copy of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/095,677
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Copy of Executed Declaration for U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/095,677
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